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Paula A. Hamel, Director  
Environmental Services  
Dominion Energy Services, Inc  
5000 Dominion Boulevard  
Glen Allen, VA 23060

**RE: Hollyfield Solar**

Location: King William County  
Registration No.: 2017-S05

Dear Ms. Hamel:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), after consultation with the Department of Historic Resources (DHR), the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF), and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), has completed its review of the August 15, 2017, application by Dominion Energy for Hollyfield Solar (Dominion-Hollyfield) for coverage under the Small Renewable Energy Project (Solar) Permit by Rule, 9VAC15 Chapter 60. Based upon this review, DEQ determines that the application satisfies the requirements of 9VAC15-60-30 provided that Hollyfield complies with the following:

- All commitments referenced within the Application Documents, including but not limited to the mitigation measures under Item 8, Mitigation Plan (Application Documents: pg. 27-28);
- Submission as soon as practicable of final post-construction site map according to 9VAC15-60-70 A, and;
- Removal of all trees in accordance with the requirements of DGIF and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to protect indigenous bat species as set forth in the DGIF guidelines and guidance found at:

- <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/environmental-programs/environmental-services-section/>
- <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/bats/northern-long-eared-bat-application/>
- <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/bats/little-brown-bat-tri-colored-bat-winter-habitat-roosts-application/>
- [http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/LBBA\\_TCBA\\_Guidance.pdf](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/LBBA_TCBA_Guidance.pdf)
- <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/VDGIF-Time-of-Year-Restrictions-Table.pdf>

Based upon compliance with the conditions stated above, authority is hereby granted to Dominion Energy to construct and operate Hollyfield Solar, a photovoltaic project in King William County on Route 360; roughly 201 acres on land located off of Route 605 near its intersection with Route 604; with a cumulative total generating capacity of 17 MW AC, in accordance with all Application Documents and this letter of approval.

This authorization for construction and operation shall not relieve Dominion-Hollyfield of the responsibility to comply with all other applicable local, state and federal statutes and regulations, including but not limited to strict adherence to applicable state and local erosion and sediment control/storm water management laws and regulations to minimize adverse impacts to the Upper Pamunkey Wetlands Conservation Site and the Pamunkey River.

In addition, DEQ strongly encourages Dominion-Hollyfield to incorporate the DCR Recommended Actions listed below:

- Use of appropriate seed mix/plants and seasonal mowing developed in consultation with DCR;
- Development of a monitoring and control plan for invasive species, and;
- The planting of native pollinator plants in the buffer areas of the planned facility.

Dominion-Hollyfield must notify Mary E. Major, DEQ Office of Renewable Energy Permitting, of the actual date on which construction of the solar project commences and the date of operation as soon as practicable.

Please note that if Dominion-Hollyfield is later found by the DEQ not to qualify for coverage under the terms and conditions of the Solar Permit By Rule, then Dominion

could be subject to action under the enforcement provisions of the Solar Permit By Rule (9VAC15-60-140) for operation without a permit.

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date of the service of this decision to initiate an appeal of this decision, by filing notice with:

David K. Paylor, Director  
Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
ATTN: Office of Renewable Energy Permitting  
Post Office Box 1105  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

In the event this decision is served to you by mail, three days will be added to that period. Please refer to Part Two of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, which describes the required content of the Notice of Appeal, including specification of the Circuit Court to which the appeal is taken, and additional requirements governing appeals from decisions of administrative agencies.

If you have any questions concerning this authorization under the Small Renewable Energy Project Permit By Rule, please contact Mary E. Major at 804-698-4423.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Dowd, Director  
Air and Renewable Energy Division